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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 10177-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Peter Grant Bellairs et al.) Group Art Unit: 1755
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Application No.: 10/782,760) Examiner: Aileen Baker Felton
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Filed: February 23, 2004)
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For: Explosive Composition) Confirmation No.: 7644

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 21, 2006, applicants elect Group I and claims 1-12 and 14 for further prosecution in this application.

In response to the requirement for an election of species to which the claims will have to be restricted in the event a generic claim is not found to be allowable, applicants elect as the fuel component, mineral oil (claim 9); as the density controlling component, de-hulled rice hulls (claim 2); and as the oxidizer component, an ammonium nitrate (AN) product (claim 7).

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on non-elected claim 13.

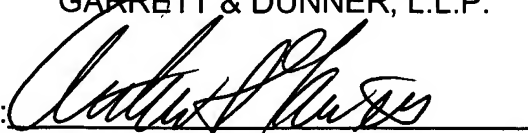
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 20, 2006

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur S. Garrett", is written over a horizontal line.

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